Firing by BSF

2004	03
2005 (Upto July)	03

On most of the occasions the exchange of fire between BSF and BDR took place when construction of Indo-Bangladesh border fence was undertaken in segments falling within 150 yards of IB. Bangladesh Rifles also resorts to firing to stop push-in efforts by BSF. During the period 2004-05 (Upto July), one Officer of BSF was killed and two constables were injured in the Bangladesh Rifles firing on 16th April, 2005.

Utilization of funds for Tsunami victims

1839. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is known to Government that in number of States public has donated huge sums of money into Chief Minister Relief Fund for Tsunami victims;

(b) if so, how much money have so far been utilized for 'Tsunami victims', State-wise break up; and

(c) how much money is still to be utilized, State-wise break up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) The State Governments do collect funds and relief materials in the event of calamities. However, the State Governments are not required to intimate the Ministry of Home Affairs about the funds or material collected by them and the utilization thereof.

National cyclone risk management programme in Orissa

1840. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Orissa Government proposes to implement National Cyclone Risk Management Programme in its coastal districts;

(b) whether it is a 100 per cent Centrally sponsored project, if not

the major component of the assistant rendered by the Centre and external financial agencies in the matter;

(c) whether the Centre also proposes to help the cash-strapped Orissa State to install automatic warning system to forewarn the people about the impending natural calamities such as Tsunami, etc; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed project is for the various cyclone prone States and Union Territories, with likely assistance from the World Bank. The Government of Orissa is taking up the project preparation activities, with financial assistance from the Government of India.

(c) and (d) India Meteorological Department (IMD) has installed 35 Cyclone Warning Dissemination Systems (CWDS) in the Orissa State. The system works *via* the INSAT satellite and provides area specific service when there is a failure of conventional communication channels. A proposal has also been prepared by the Government of India, with the Department of Ocean Development as the nodal agency, for setting up an Early Warning System for Tsunami and Storm Surges convering the entire Indian coastline.

Floods in Gujarat

1841. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated amount of loss of property in the State of Gujarat due to devasting floods in June, 2005;

(b) how much amount has been given to Gujarat from Calamity Relief Fund as a share of Goverment of India from 1st April, 2001 to 31st March, 2005;

(c) whether any other type of financial assistance was given to Gujarat to meet the heavy losses due to natural calamities, during last five years from 1st April, 2001 to 31st March, 2005, year-wise; and

(d) whether Rs. 500 crores declared by Prime Minister to Gujarat